HIBISCUS SHOW TO BE A RIOT OF COLOR

The 14th Annual Show of the Mid-Florida Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society will be Central Florida's most spectacular display of color during 1965, according to Herbert Gilliard, Chapter president. The annual event which will attract garden enthusiasts from all over this area will be held in the public room of the American Federal Savings and Loan Association at 455 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Sunday, August 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. The public is cordailly invited to attend.

Hibiscus of any size, shape, or color, whether grown by a one-plant or a hundred-plant person will be welcome at the Show. Special attention will be given to the amateur grower particularly those who have only one, two, or three blooms to enter for display.

One authority on flowers has pointed out that the current season with its recent welcome rains has produced the most and best hibiscus blooms in his memory.

To be eligible for an award, all entries should be presented to the entry committee at the show location by 10 o'clock on the morning of August 15th.

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REQUEST FOR HELP

Some time ago a letter was received from out of the States remarking that the grower seemed to be having trouble with nematode control. He was not sure that this was the trouble but he suspected such was the case. Remembering that we had heard Dr. Roxy Martin mention something about a problem similar to this in the area we asked for his help. We got it and here is his answer.

"My first encounter with Hibiscus and the Islands was in the early 1920's. The trouble with Hibiscus throughout the Islands and also Central America, and even some spots in South America is a little animal belonging to the snail family. A little fellow somewhat like a scale attaches himself to the stem of any Hibiscus about ground level. Soon he buries himself in the soft outer layer of bark and only a small round brown spot remains. He then lives his complete life there.

Being bi-sexual he can have young at any time. He does, however, have to come out to reproduce and then he dies. But by that time the Hibiscus also dies.

Long ago an emulsion of kerosene, homemade soap and water was the trick. Today there are some good chemicals on the market. Here is a new one and also the best yet.....O-O-Diethyl O-2-isopropyl 4-methyl 6-pyrimdiinyl phosphorothioate Xylene. This mixture I am sure will control everything your friend has in his garden. It has a low phytotoxcity to ornamentals and other plants. You may tell him its less toxic to handle than any other pesticides on the market and is highly compatible with other chemicals. One application will last all season. Although he has his troubles only from about the last of April to October.

Be sure to use only 1¼ fl. oz. to 5 gal. of water. Do not get too much on the top of the plant and be sure to water it in the soil just as soon as possible after application. I have tried to brush this solution on the trunks of the Hibiscus and got very good